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## **Attorney General Racine Defends District's 'Good Reason' Requirement for Concealed-Carry Permits; Will Appeal Decision**

*Judge's Ruling Runs Counter to Other Rulings on Similar Question*

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** – Attorney General Karl A. Racine issued the below statement on today's ruling by United States District Court Judge Richard J. Leon that prohibits the District from enforcing a requirement that applicants for permits to carry concealed guns must state a "good reason" for doing so.

**"We continue to believe our 'good reason' requirement for a concealed-carry permit is both constitutional and in line with similar laws in New Jersey, New York and Maryland – all of which have been upheld by federal appeals courts,"** said Attorney General Racine. **"Just two months ago, [another judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia declined to enjoin the District from enforcing the same requirement at issue in today's ruling](#). We believe that the District's gun laws are reasonable and necessary to ensure public safety in a dense urban area, and we will request a stay of this decision while we appeal."**

A copy of Judge Leon's order is attached.